



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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Re: 2019-05-194

Ms. Emma Best  
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Email: 74379-20776014@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Department of the Treasury, dated May 30, 2019. You seek, documents mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defined as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between 1 January 2009 and 1 January 2019, including but not limited to:

- Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism
- Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber-attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists
- Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism sent to or received from any federal law enforcement or intelligence agencies or any fusion center
- Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups
- Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or "dox" (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists

I have initiated a search within Departmental Offices (DO), for records that would be responsive to your request. I will make every effort to provide you with a timely response; however, please be advised that unusual circumstances exist regarding the search for and review of potentially responsive records. The unusual circumstances are due to the consultation required between two or more program offices and/or a search is expected to result in voluminous records and/or a search is required to be conducted for records stored in field offices or warehouses off site; therefore, an additional processing extension of (10) days is required to process your request.

As with all FOIA requests, I invite you to consider contacting our office to discuss limiting the scope of your request which could significantly reduce the processing time of your request.

You may seek dispute resolution services from our Treasury FOIA Public Liaison by contacting Paul Levitan, Director, FOIA and Transparency at (202) 622-8098 or email [FOIAPL@treasury.gov](mailto:FOIAPL@treasury.gov).

A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly at the following address, emails, fax or telephone numbers:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Toll free: 1-877-684-6448  
Fax: 202-741-5769

You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via email at [FOIA@treasury.gov](mailto:FOIA@treasury.gov). Please reference the FOIA number at the top of this letter when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

*Cawana Pearson*

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Privacy, Transparency, and Records (PTR)